

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Information on KVP Units in East Berlin

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1. Between 2 and 5 August 1953, buildings of the former HVS headquarters in Berlin-Niederschöneweide quartered an estimated 500 KVPs who wore black service color. No training activities were observed.

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2. The KVP quarters near Adlershof railroad station quartered an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 men. Black, red and dark green service colors were observed.

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3. The barracks camp southeast of Johannisthal airfield quartered about 500 KVPs who wore red and dark blue service colors.

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4. The former police station on Fenn Strasse in Niederschoeneweide quartered 80 to 100 KVPs who wore red or black service colors.

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5. [REDACTED] existence of a restricted area near Fuchsberge and Kaulsdorf. This area seemed to house a joint KVP and Soviet agency. Motor vehicle traffic was heavy.

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6. On the same day [REDACTED] more KVP units had apparently moved to the Schlosspark Friedrichsfelde. The total number of tents seen there was estimated at 300. The tents were occupied by 2,400 to 3,000 KVPs, allegedly an infantry unit in the strength of a regiment, and a motorcycle unit in the strength of a battalion.

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Most of the soldiers wore red service color.

7. On 7 August [] 21 canvas-covered trucks in the yard of Friedrich Karl Kaserne near the Friedrich Strasse elevated train station. Trucks occupied by KVP soldiers were repeatedly seen entering or leaving the installation. These trucks apparently carried guard release details. Five field kitchens which were in operation and a tent were observed in the southwestern corner of the installation.

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8. On 8 August [] an infantry unit of about 2,500 men, presumably a regiment, at the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde. About 50 trucks [] and three field kitchens which were in operation were seen in the section of the park between Treskow Allee and the first row of tents. No activities were observed east of the Biesdorf Stadtpark. The KVP guards seen there wore black or blue collar patches.

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9. From 3 through 9 August [] the Gewerbeschule (technical school) on Bouche Strasse quartered a KVP unit of about 200 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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[] Telephone cables led from the school to the guard stations on Schmoller Strasse, Wiener Bruecke and Graetz Strasse which were occupied by six men each. [] the guards posted at the border crossing point on Schlesische Strasse and on Lohmuhlen Platz also belonged to this unit.

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10. The former Heereswaffenmeisterschule (army ordnance school) on Bouche Strasse quartered an estimated 600 KVPs who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The school, allegedly, also quartered a battalion headquarters.

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11. On 5 August [] a tent at the outguard on Heidekampsweg between Baumschulen Strasse and Wohlgemuth Strasse [] and a warehouse nearby quartered a KVP unit, probably the headquarters of a platoon of an infantry company. []

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[] Another platoon of this company probably manned the outguards on Sonnen Allee and Forsthaus Allee. A third platoon was quartered north of the outguard in the small private garden allotments (Laubenkolonie) about 150 meters west of the railroad underpass for Heidekampsweg, south of the elevated railroad line. Two tents occupied by about 10 men were seen there. Truck [] was parked nearby. A fourth platoon which allegedly belonged to the company quartered on Heidekampsweg was employed on Kieffholz Strasse about 100 meters northwest of Dammweg. Three tents and about 30 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets were seen there. An outguard with two tents was observed on Kieffholz Strasse about 100 meters northwest of Puder Strasse. The guards at the railroad underpass on Kieffholz Strasse and at the border crossing point on Teupitzer Strasse probably belonged to this outguard.

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12. There was no change in the status of the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde. A total of about 300 tents occupied by approximately 2,500 men were seen there.

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1. [] Comment. It appears that the occupation of East Berlin by KVP units has not changed. It is believed that mostly elements of Division Prora are at present employed there.

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